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Crossroads area residents have the opportunity to enjoy the Pride of Texas carnival through Sunday. The carnival, being held at College Park Shopping Center, features more than a dozen games and rides for children and adults. The carnival will be open from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$1 each and wristbands are \$20 per night.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Attorney Fred Stormer of the Underwood law firm discusses proposed single-member district boundaries for Big Spring Independent School District during the BSISD Redistricting Advisory Committee meeting Thursday.

Doing the math

BSISD committee wrestles with redistricting

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

As the old saying goes, the devil's in the details.

Drawing new district maps for a governmental entity is a concept that sounds fairly simple on the surface — take your total population, divide it by the number of representatives, then reshape the

boundaries so that each district has roughly the same number of residents.

But as the Big Spring ISD Redistricting Advisory Committee learned during its Thursday meeting, the process is anything but simple. Aside from ensuring that each of BSISD's seven single-member districts has approx-

imately the same number of people, the boundaries have to reflect the school district's ethnic makeup, remain compact and contiguous, conform to federal mandates and, for good measure, try to anticipate future voting trends.

In the 10 years since
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Golden Ticket Giveaway starts July 5

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

The golden ticket isn't just for Willy Wonka anymore. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will be having its own Golden Ticket Giveaway starting July 5. "We are hoping all the businesses will participate. This is a great way to show off Big

Spring and let people know what their business has to offer," said Debbye Valverde, chamber executive director.

Shoppers will have from July 5 to July 13 to register at participating businesses. Each business will have its own registration box, but according to ValVerde, all entries will be placed into one

location July 14 and winners will be selected from there.

Each first-place golden ticket will be worth a service or item valued at \$50 or more, depending on the business. Second- and third-place tickets will receive a T-shirt.

"Just because they registered at one place does not mean that is where their gold-

en ticket will be," ValVerde said. "Their ticket could be a winner at any participating business."

Any business in Big Spring can take part in the giveaway at no cost, according to ValVerde. The business does not have to be a member of the chamber in order to participate. Merchants have un-

til noon Monday to sign up.

"We have a lot of things going on that weekend and we wanted to give them something else to do and promote our businesses at the same time," ValVerde said. "You'd be surprised what you can find locally. People don't

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Thank your lucky stars

□ Annual stargazing event at Big Spring State Park is Saturday.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Area stargazers will have plenty to look at Saturday when the Big Spring State Park holds its annual

Stargazing Party atop the historic Scenic Mountain.

Park Manager Ron Alton said there will be several interesting heavenly bodies in view when he and members of the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club turn their eyes — and telescopes — skyward.

"There are a number of nebulas (star clusters) in view Saturday," he said. "Alberio (the fifth brightest

star in the constellation Cygnus), M10, M12, M1, M92, M23, M19, M4 and M5. Saturn will also be in view, as well as M92, M81 and M82. Other sightings could include the Space Station, or Iridium Flares."

Alton said the stargazing event is expected to begin just after sunset.

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Obituaries

Rowen Rush Speck

Rowen Rush Speck, infant son of Cheyanne Gibson and Colton Speck of Big Spring died Thursday, June 23, 2011, in an Odessa hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 25, 2011, at the Mt. Olive Memorial Park Chapel with Chaplain Lynn Robertson of Compass Hospice officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, June 24, 2011, at the funeral home. He was born March 10, 2011, in Odessa.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his grandparents, Stephanie Barr and Dee Speck, both of Big Spring and Mike and Kathryn Speck of Midland; numerous great-grandparents; great-great-grandparents; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Bubba Gibson Jr.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Olga E. Lewis

Olga E. Lewis, 55, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 23, 2011, at her residence. No services are planned.

The family will receive friends at the home, 409 Johnson St., at any time.

Olga was born Nov. 11, 1955, in Ranger and married Jerry Lewis on April 21, 2007, in Big Spring.

She retired in 2010 after 27 years as a registered nurse with the Big Spring State Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Lewis of Big Spring; one son, Ian Scott of California; one step-son, Tim Lewis and wife Misty of Big Spring; one step-daughter, Barbara Black and husband Gregory of Abilene; six granddaughters; one great-grandson; and one brother.

Olga was preceded in death by her parents, Juan and Christina Soto Perez, and one brother.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- AMANDA CHRISTINE WINKLER, 50, of Moody, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

- MICHAEL E. BAKER, 44, of 502 Young, was arrested Thursday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction, dog or cat running at large and two warrants from another agency.

- DANELLE CHRISTINE OVERTON, 24, of 1746 Purdue, was arrested Thursday on a charge of no driver's license - when unlicensed.

- GUADALUPE SAMUEL CRUZ, 20, of 2515 Fairchild, was arrested Thursday on charges of driving while license invalid, no driver's license - when unlicensed and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- WILLIAM DANE JOHNSON, 19, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

- CARL KEITH SPIVEY, 33, of 821 W. Eighth St., was arrested Thursday on warrants for failure to report change of name/address (two counts).

- PATRICIA FREITAG LEWIS, 73, of 3103 Sherrod, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft - shoplifting.

- RICKEY RAY WINTERS, 58, of 309 N.W. Ninth St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

- THEFT was reported:
In the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.
In the 2900 block of W. 13th Street.
In the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.
In the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
In the 200 block of W. FM 700.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3300 block of Auburn.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

Note: The Big Spring Police Department incorrectly reported Thursday Rickey Lopez, 45, of 4207 Parkway, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for no drivers license when unlicensed, driving while license invalid. The arrest record should have read: Rickey Lopez, 21, of 601 Caylor, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for no drivers license when unlicensed, driving while license invalid.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

- DANELLE CHRISTINE OVERTON, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license - when unlicensed.

- CARLTON KEITH SPIVEY, 33, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to change address (two counts).

- GUADALUPE SAMUEL CRUZ, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid and municipal warrants for no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- WILLIAM DANE JOHNSON, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- JOHN GARCIA JR., 17, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- PATRICIA LEWIS, 73, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

- JULIAN MICHAEL CHAVEZ, 17, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

- RICKEY WINTERS, 58, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- LEROY ZUBIATE, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for speeding, no driver's license, driving while license invalid (two counts) and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- JAIME CARRASCO LOPEZ, 30, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid, speeding and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1100 block of Gregg Street. Five people were transported to SMMC.

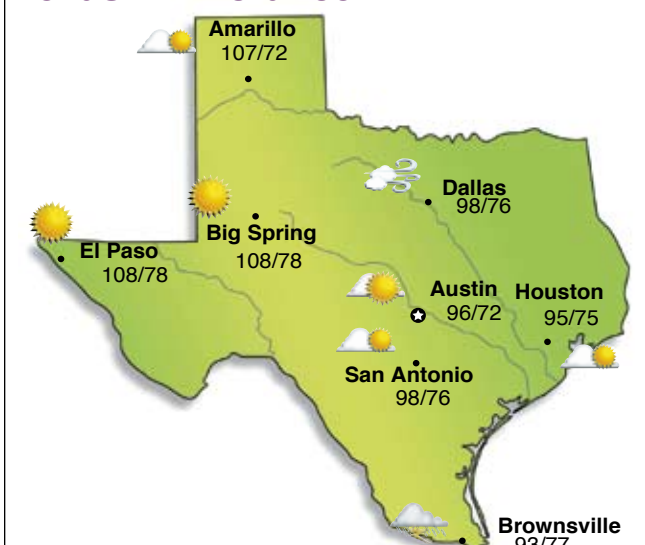
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5100 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 6/25	Sun 6/26	Mon 6/27	Tue 6/28	Wed 6/29
108/78 Mainly sunny. Near record high temperatures. High 108F.	107/76 Sunny and wind. Highs 105 to 109F and lows in the mid 70s.	104/75 Mainly sunny. Highs 102 to 106F and lows in the mid 70s.	103/76 Sunshine. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the mid 70s.	102/76 Sunshine. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:57 PM	Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:57 PM	Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:57 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	102	76	windy	Kingsville	94	75	pt sunny
Amarillo	107	72	pt sunny	Livingston	96	72	mst sunny
Austin	96	72	mst sunny	Longview	96	76	pt sunny
Beaumont	93	75	mst sunny	Lubbock	108	73	sunny
Brownsville	93	77	t-storm	Lufkin	97	73	mst sunny
Brownwood	101	75	windy	Midland	107	79	sunny
Corpus Christi	91	76	pt sunny	Raymondville	94	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	96	75	pt sunny	Rosenberg	94	75	pt sunny
Dallas	98	76	windy	San Antonio	98	76	pt sunny
Del Rio	99	78	pt sunny	San Marcos	97	74	pt sunny
El Paso	108	78	sunny	Sulphur Springs	96	76	windy
Fort Stockton	106	75	windy	Sweetwater	104	76	windy
Gainesville	95	75	windy	Tyler	96	74	pt sunny
Greenville	95	74	windy	Weatherford	97	75	windy
Houston	95	75	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	105	78	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	90	68	t-storm	Minneapolis	79	65	cloudy
Boston	70	59	t-storm	New York	79	65	t-storm
Chicago	77	62	mst sunny	Phoenix	106	78	sunny
Dallas	98	76	windy	San Francisco	62	52	pt sunny
Denver	88	59	mst sunny	Seattle	64	49	pt sunny
Houston	95	75	pt sunny	St. Louis	84	72	t-storm
Los Angeles	76	59	pt sunny	Washington, DC	86	66	mst sunny
Miami	89	79	t-storm				

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of S. Austin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh Road. Service refused.

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The Pride of Texas carnival continues through Sunday at College Park Shopping Center in Big Spring.

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have to drive out of town. It just takes looking.”

The winning tickets will be posted at participating businesses July 16. Customers who have registered will be able to search the businesses between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and see if they are a winner.

That same weekend, The Big Spring Film Society will be showing “Ghostbusters” downtown Friday night at dark. The screening will take place at Second and Main. Saturday, the same day as the Golden Ticket Giveaway, 10 bands will be performing at the amphi-

theater starting at 11 a.m. “This is just one more reason for people to stay in town for the weekend and a great way for businesses to promote themselves,” ValVerde said. “We are going to have people in town for the other events that weekend and it’s a great way to let them see what Big Spring is all about.”

For more information about the Golden Ticket Giveaway or West Fest, contact the chamber at 263-7641.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

BSISD

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BSISD’s last redistricting, the population makeup of its single member districts has changed noticeably. Fred Stormer, an attorney with the Underwood Law Firm — which represents BSISD and has been heavily involved in the redistricting effort — said the new single-member districts must reflect those changes.

“If you have a deviation between the district with the highest population and the one with the lowest population of more than 10 percent,

you must redraw the boundaries,” Stormer said. “Big Spring ISD’s total deviation is 28.16 percent.”

Those changes have been most pronounced in District 1 (the northeast portion of Big Spring), which has lost 550 residents in the past 10 years, and District 6 (the far eastern section of Big Spring), which has gained 380 residents.

Also, the demographic makeup of BSISD has changed markedly in the past 10 years. Not only has the district’s total population grown, but the number of Hispanic residents has increased dramatically. Hispanic population within the district has increased

from 35 percent in 2000 to 42 percent in 2010. Correspondingly, the district’s Anglo population has decreased from 58 percent in 2000 to a fraction above 50 percent in 2010.

“Our goal is to make a map that has three districts that are predominantly Anglo in population, three that are predominantly Hispanic in population, and one that’s basically evenly split between the two,” Stormer said.

Not only do the new boundaries have to represent BSISD’s total population and ethnic breakdown, they must also reflect the voting-age population to satisfy federal

requirements that minorities have a fair chance of electing the candidate of their choice, Stormer said.

That last condition has proved to be the toughest to satisfy. Stormer and demographers have developed maps that brings the deviance into compliance and accurately reflect current demographics. But redrawing the map so the voting ages of residents reach the goal of having three predominantly Hispanic and three predominantly Anglo districts (plus one evenly-split district) has proven difficult to achieve.

“At the last school board meeting, I presented two pos-

sible maps to the trustees ... and I promised them I’d come with a third option,” Stormer said. “Now, we have four maps to choose from, and I really don’t like any of them.”

What the committee must do in the days leading up to Thursday’s special school board meeting is to tweak the latest proposed map to increase the Hispanic voting age population of District 6 while still satisfying other requirements.

The committee will meet again at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234.

STARS

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“Sunset is approximately 9 p.m. and there will be a program as soon as it gets dark enough to see the projection, which is usually between 9:20 and 9:30 p.m.,” said Alton. “I’m going to ask the astronomy club members to bone up on their constellations so we can point some of them out.”

Slated for 8:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. near the park office at the top of Scenic

Mountain, the program will offer something for everyone in the family, according to Alton.

“It’s one of the bigger events of the year for us,” said Alton. “It’s a fun and educational way to spend a Saturday night outdoors with your family. You can take a tour of the night sky with area amateur astronomy clubs.

“It’s a great chance for families to spend some quality time together, as well. It doesn’t matter how old you are, seeing the stars and the different heavenly bodies

through a telescope is just amazing.”

Alton said the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club from Midland will provide several high-powered telescopes for those attending to get a better look at the heavens.

“They’ve been really great in helping us put the stargazing event on each year,” said Alton.

“They really love doing this. Most people who are into astronomy love to teach others about it, so there will be plenty of knowledgeable people to answer questions dur-

ing the presentation.”

Alton said the Stargazing Party is a great chance for area residents to learn about astronomy, but it also serves a very important purpose when the state of Texas begins looking at the park’s budget, several of which are currently on the legislature’s chopping block.

“We invite everyone to come out,” said Alton. “These events keep the state park finances going, especially in these times when budgets are being even more closely examined than in pre-

vious times. The state looks at attendance at these types of events when they decide how much to allocate, so participating is very important.

“If the weather doesn’t cooperate with us — we have too many clouds or it rains — we’ll reschedule the Stargazing for July,” he added.

Alton said no admis-

sion will be charged for the stargazing, but donations will be accepted. The facility is located at No. 1 Scenic Drive, just off FM 700 near Wasson Road. For more information about the stargazing event, contact Alton at 263-4931.

Scrawled year ‘1802’ found in Alamo wall

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Alamo officials have discovered a clue to the building’s mysterious past, right over the doorway some 3 million visitors pass through each year.

Experts believe “1802” might have been scratched into the wall when the Alamo was a mission under Spanish rule, or perhaps decades later, after the U.S. Army added a second floor and roof in the mid-1800s.

Or, as Alamo historian and curator Bruce Winders suggests, it

could have been left by an Alamo defender who kept watch from a ledge by a window during the 1836 siege and decided to mark the year of his birth.

More than likely, it’s evidence of a little-known period between 1793, when Mission San Antonio de Valero was secularized; and 1803, when Spanish troops began to occupy the former mission that later would be known as the Alamo, Winders said.

“If you look at historic graffiti at face value, people usually put the

date when they did it,” he said. “Americans at that time were kind of notorious for leaving behind something that says, ‘I was here.’”

The Alamo’s on-site conservator, Pam Jary Rosser, made the discovery last week while removing dust and mold from a wall with a sponge and distilled water.

She spotted the date, the earliest ever found in the building, etched in numbers nearly an inch high into the mission-era plaster and limestone wall.

Also by the window

above the Alamo’s main doorway were etchings of “WVA,” and what appears to be “54” or “SA,” and “TEX.” Since “W” rarely is used in Spanish, and West Virginia didn’t become a state until 1863, Winders could not explain the markings.

The find was the latest of several intriguing discoveries Rosser has made while working as the Alamo’s on-site conservator.

As a contractor in 2009, she uncovered an arched doorway leading to one of the side rooms of the Alamo.

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Cindi Moore, 57, died Wednesday. She will be in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 7 until 8 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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June 25
Stargazing at the Big Spring State Park Stargazing begins at sunset
For more info contact **Ron Alton @ 806-241-5741** or **Dave Summers @ 806-241-5921**

June 28-August 30
Heritage Museum presents "First Ladies of Big Spring"
For more info contact the **Museum** at **432-267-8255**

June 30
State of the Community Part 2: Education Update
Howard College Cactus Room
For more info contact **the Chamber @ 432-263-7641**

July 1
Big Spring Film Society presents "Back to the Future"
Heart of the City Park For more info visit **www.bigspringfilm.org** or **Brandon Johnson @ 432-213-0759**

July 2
Funtastic Fourth Festival Heart of the City Park Downtown Big Spring
Music featuring country star **Mark McKinney**
For more info contact **Allan Johnson @ 432-267-6278**

July 3
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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Cpt. Ed and Terrie Cheshire for all their work with the Salvation Army these past three years.

- Mack Halfmann Family for being named the Glasscock County Pioneer Family of the Year at the Old Settlers Reunion.

- Quail Dobbs Family for being named the Howard County Pioneer Family of the Year at the Old Settlers Reunion.

- All local businesses who donated and supported this year's Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. Dollar Night could not have been possible without those added donations.

- Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, Big Spring Fire Department, Texas Forest Service and all surrounding counties who offered support this past week in the Boykin Road fire.

- Tyler Collins for being named the Howard College NJCAA 2011 Player of the Year.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we always remember, Lord,
that You love us.

Amen

Time for the Mormon question

Back in 1980, when I was working for Sen. Ted Kennedy, the Cardinal of Boston instructed priests to take to their pulpits to denounce the candidacy of Congressman Barney Frank because of his support for abortion rights. "Get me my brother's speech," the senator said to me.



SUSAN
ESTRICH

Anyone who is a student of politics knows what speech that was. On Sept. 12, 1960, facing the question of whether he would take his orders from Rome as the first Catholic president, presidential candidate John Kennedy went to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association "to state once again — not what kind of church I believe in, for that should be important only to me — but what kind of America I believe in."

It is a speech that at least 20 percent of all Americans — those who responded to a Gallup poll this week saying that if their party nominated a generally well-qualified person for president who happened to be Mormon, they would not vote for him — apparently disagree with.

John F. Kennedy: "I believe in an America that is officially neither Catholic, Protestant nor Jewish; where no public official either requests or accepts instructions on public policy from

the Pope, the National Council of Churches or any other ecclesiastical source; where no religious body seeks to impose its will directly or indirectly upon the general populace or the public acts of its officials, and where religious liberty is so indivisible that an act against one church is treated as an act against all."

John Kennedy recognized the lesson so perfectly expressed by German Pastor Martin Niemöller: "First they came for the communists, and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a communist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak out."

And so, the future president explained in 1960: "For while this year it may be a Catholic against whom the finger of suspicion is pointed, in other years it has been, and may someday be again, a Jew — or a Quaker, or a Unitarian, or a Baptist."

Or a Mormon. As a Democrat, I might be pleased that two of the strongest and most qualified candidates for the Republican nomination for president, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, start out so far behind because both are Mormons. But who could be pleased just because the victim is someone else? If I am pleased because they are the

victims, who will stand up for me when I am?

Of course religion matters in politics. My Jewish values shape my political beliefs. Black ministers were among the architects of the civil rights movement. The list goes on.

But it is one thing to bring our religious values to politics, to find in those values our commitments to equality and decency and charity. It is quite another to believe, as one in five of us seems to, that a person's private religious beliefs and values should count more than his public positions; that our willingness to vote for a candidate properly turns on whether he worships God as we do.

Two Mormons are running for president. There will be much talk over the coming year about the Mormon question — that is, whether a Mormon can be elected. That is not, in the end, a question about Romney and Huntsman, but about the rest of us and what kind of country we really are.

Or as President Kennedy recognized: "Today, I may be the victim, but tomorrow it may be you — until the whole fabric of our harmonious society is ripped apart at a time of great national peril."

To find out more about Susan Estrich and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

Deep South reclaims bigotry title

Just when we thought no other state could beat Arizona as the champion of hatred, xenophobia and immigrant-washing legislation, the Deep South reclaimed its title as the all-time champion of discrimination.

Imagine how the bigots in Georgia and Alabama must have felt when they saw bigots in Arizona grabbing all the headlines. They had to do something to prove they still can discriminate better than anyone.

And they have! The best example is the bill just signed into law by Republican Gov. Robert Bentley of Alabama. It is a compilation of the most Draconian measures that have been introduced in states and municipalities across the country, including provisions that already have been found to be unconstitutional in federal court and are headed for the Supreme Court under appeal.

Its proponents and supporters boast about the fact that when the law takes effect Sept. 1, Alabama will have the nation's toughest immigration law. The word "compassion" is not in their vocabulary. They speak as if they are reclaiming their rightful place in the history of U.S. bigotry and discrimination.

"I campaigned for the toughest immigration laws and I'm proud of the Legislature for working tirelessly to create the strongest immigration bill in the country," Bentley said after signing the legislation last week.

In the courts and on the streets, it looks as if a new civil rights movement will be needed in the Deep South.

Someday — in the near future, let's hope — we will remember Bentley and this period of history with the same shame we feel about former Alabama Gov. George Wallace for his fighting to keep African-Americans out of the University of Alabama in 1963.

The new Alabama law: — Will allow police to detain anyone they suspect of being in the country illegally, opening the gates to widespread racial profiling against all immigrants, a provision of the Arizona law

that has been blocked by the courts (though Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer has vowed to appeal it in the Supreme Court).

— Will make it a crime for American citizens to knowingly transport or shelter anyone who is in the country illegally, forcing many Americans to choose between breaking the law and their loyalty to their undocumented friends and relatives. If you give shelter to an undocumented relative, for example, all in your household will have to live under Gestapo-like fear.

— Will impose penalties on businesses that knowingly employ undocumented immigrants, potentially hurting the state's economy by leaving their own farms without sufficient workers.

— Will require businesses to use the federal E-Verify database to confirm the immigration status of new employees, opening the way for discrimination against legal workers.

— Will require schools to verify whether students are in the country illegally, turning educators into immigration agents.

It won't prohibit undocumented children from attending schools, which would be clearly unconstitutional. But lumped together with a laundry list of Machiavellian measures, it surely is meant to scare and intimidate undocumented parents from sending their children to school.

— Will make it a crime for landlords to rent to undocumented immigrants knowingly.

Surely, the Alabama law reaches new lows in mean-spirited legislation, beating that of not only Arizona but also neighboring Georgia, where, under a law passed last month and scheduled to take effect July 1, police also will be empowered to engage in racial profiling by checking immigration status and arresting suspected undocumented immigrants. Georgia's law also will penalize Americans who transport or harbor undocumented immigrants and businesses that employ them.

Though some 30 states have considered new laws targeting illegal immigration, most of these measures have failed when they have come up for a vote. But not in the Deep South, where Republican lawmakers are reclaiming the region's infamous legacy of

bigotry.

These measures surely are unconstitutional in many ways. Yet their proponents insist on spending millions in appealing them all the way to the Supreme Court, where they believe the highly politicized conservative majority will side with them, as it did recently on another immigration measure allowing Arizona to crack down on employers who hire undocumented workers.

Proponents of these laws claim they have made sure they are constitutionally sound, but the American Civil Liberties Union, the Southern Poverty Law Center and several other groups are getting ready to challenge the Georgia and Alabama laws with the same righteous indignation with which they have been fighting Arizona. Other groups are organizing protest marches and economic boycotts against the two states.

With the re-emergence of institutionalized bigotry in the Deep South, a new civil rights movement also is beginning to emerge. And as African-Americans prevailed in the 1960s, today's immigrants also will overcome this new wave of racism in America.

When the Georgia and Alabama agricultural, landscaping and restaurant industries start hurting, when their crops begin to rot, when their yards grow weeds and when there is no one to wash restaurant dishes, immigrants shall overcome.

When other businesses that depend on immigrant workers start complaining that they can't get Americans to fill their toughest jobs, when taxpayers realize that their politicians are wasting millions on futile litigation that is discriminatory and unconstitutional, when enough American citizens protest against racial profiling and discrimination, that's when the Deep South's legacy of bigotry will be sent back into the pages of history.

To find out more about Miguel Perez and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Church News

CHAPEL

OF FAITH

Chapel of Faith worship services are Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Each week Pastor Joel Miller brings a message of inspiration taken from scripture.

There will be a church meeting following services Sunday. Everyone interested in the church is urged to attend and be prepared to discuss issues concerning future operations of Chapel of Faith. A sandwich luncheon will be provided with the meeting.

Chapel of Faith is located on the corner of E. 14th and Goliad.

SPRING CREEK

FELLOWSHIP

"Camp Creekbed" is the theme of our one day Vacation Bible School Extravaganza event happening Saturday, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Children age 4 and going into kindergarten in the fall through those who finished fifth grade in May are invited to attend. Registration forms will be available for pre-registration. All children must be registered on or before the day of the event. No "drop-offs." Lunch will be served. If you would like to help with "Camp Creekbed" by volunteering your time and talents or by making a donation for items needed, contact the church office.

Musicians needed for our praise team. If you would like to sing or play in the SCF Praise Team, join us Wednesday nights in July at 7 p.m. in the worship area. We are looking for a bass guitar player and additional singers, but we could add a new instrumentalist almost any time.

The "Holy Grounds Café" opens at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings for snacks and fellowship before worship at 10:30 a.m.

"Boz and Friends" for preschoolers and "Kid-Connect" for school age children meets Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Nursery care is available.

Ladies are welcome to "Pink" Prayer Night the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Youth "Connection Groups" meet Sunday and Wednesday evenings for junior high and senior high students. Adult "Connections Groups" meet at various times and locations during the week for all ages, interests and schedules. Contact the church office for more information.

Fellowship Wednesday evenings with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Children's activities, youth worship and adult Bible study start at 6:15 p.m. The choir will resume rehearsals Aug. 10.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell. Our phone number is 432-714-4584. Visit our website at <http://springcreekfellowship.org>.

EAST FOURTH STREET

BAPTIST CHURCH

East Fourth Street Baptist Church is having Vacation Bible School June 27-July 1 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 267-2291.

GATEWAY

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Bible study is at 10 a.m., worship is at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Prayer worship Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Our clothes closet ministry and food pantry is open Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

July 2 at 11 a.m. we will have a time of celebration honoring Tommy Sullivan and the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. We will have a time of prayer for them and for rain. Several of our local pastors will be involved. There will be something for everyone, including bounce houses, horseshoe pitching, washers, domi-

noes and more. We will be serving refreshments, popcorn, hot dogs and hamburgers. There will be old-time country gospel music by The Gateway Praise Team, the Chuchwagon Ministries Team and others.

At 5 p.m. we will be entertained by the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department bag pipe ministry.

Come as we acknowledge our local heroes. We want to show them how much they're appreciated and what they mean to all of us throughout Big Spring, Howard County and the surrounding areas.

COAHOMA FIRST UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

Coahoma First United Methodist Church meets Sunday at 11 a.m. for worship with Pastor Sammy Espinosa leading the service. The Wesley adult class study is from Cokesbury and the Seekers adult class study from the Bible. Classes begin at 10 a.m. Youth group meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for students sixth through 12th grade. Game and fellowship night is Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall for everyone.

Youth will be sponsoring a spaghetti lunch following Sunday church service and all donations are welcomed. The youth is raising money to go to Six Flags July 22 for a Christian rock concert and will return July 23.

A cake auction was held this past Sunday to help them get started on reaching their goal. June 26 at 5 p.m. we will begin our welcome back dinner for our pastor and his family. There will be games at the community park with a meal served at 6:30 p.m. A church work day is scheduled for July 30. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m.

Our outreach ministry accepts school supply donations and donations to the State Hospital, including small traveling size toiletries, hand sanitizer, etc.

The church is located at 401 N. Main. For more information call, 432-394-4432 or by cell at 432-270-1602.

FIRST CHURCH

OF THE NAZARENE.

Lord Jesus, we pray for your continued watch over this community and the firefighters. We pray you will give comfort to all those affected by the fires and those fighting the fires. We ask you will pour out a blessing in rain to fill the areas water supply and eliminate the threat of more fires. We thank you for all those who came to help not only from Big Spring, but those who came from surrounding areas. We pray in your precious name. Amen

First Church of the Nazarene is a host site for Angel Food Ministry which allows anyone regardless of income to purchase groceries (including meats) at cost that do not include retail mark up. Orders for Angel Food can be picked up Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. If you have questions, contact Scott Jimenez at angelfood@nazfamily.org or go to www.angelfood-nazfamilyministries.com.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening group meetings are at 6:30 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. Visit us at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a live service. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

COLLEGE

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, June 19, College Baptist music minister, Jamie Scott challenged the men of the church to fill the choir loft for Father's Day. If they could get

50 men in the choir, he would prepare a celebration meal for them. They didn't get 50 men, but with 43 he said he would feed them anyway. They sang "How Great Thou Art" in honor of our heavenly Father.

Some of the youth of the church are at Youth Evangelism Conference in Dallas.

July 2 at 6 p.m., the youth invite all who would like to attend to a movie night in the auditorium. The movie is a true story called, *Faith Like Potatoes*. There will be no admission, but donations are welcome to help our youth go to camp this summer.

The movie will have an intermission and refreshments will be available in the fellowship hall. The youth also offer to take care of the children below age five so their parents may enjoy the movie.

July 3 is "Pops in the Park" and College Baptist will not have church that evening so our people may attend.

FIRST

UNITED METHODIST

We said goodbye to the Rev. Sharon Wiese and her husband, Bill, and gave them a church-wide brunch Sunday morning. They are retiring to their farm and ranch at Petersburg. Monday our new pastor arrived. His name is Bill Ivins; he's a native of Odessa. He graduated from Permian High School, UTPB and Duke University's School of Divinity. He comes to us from Vernon where he pastored First United Methodist Church for the past five years. The Rev. Ivins is very happy to be back so near his West Texas home. He will be preaching for the first time in Big Spring Sunday.

Vacation Bible School begins Monday. We're doing it a little different this year; it is being held in the evening. It begins with a snack supper at 5:30 p.m. with "Pandamania" to follow until 8:30. The Bible Buddies, Fez, Amanda, Boomer, Pogo and Lulu will serve as a reminder of our purpose throughout our adventures. Call Becky at the church for information regarding registration.

Our official welcome for our new

pastor will be with a red, white and blue family picnic Sunday, July 3, following the 10:50 a.m. service of worship. The SPRC Committee and SAM are sponsoring this event featuring hot dogs, hamburgers ice cream and all the fixings. We will also be "pounding the preacher" following an old time tradition of bringing food staples to fill the preacher's pantry.

If you can't attend, tune to KBYG at 8:30 a.m. or KBST-FM at 10:50 a.m. for a broadcast of our services.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

COAHOMA

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

Tom and the Rev. Craig Holdstedt continue to lead a lectionary Bible study Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Big Spring.

The lectionary is Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN

EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The Babe Chick Meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

Due to Men's Walk #57 starting July 14 our next meeting is moved to July 21.

Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship in Garrett Hall.

For more information, see our website www.signal-emmaus.org.

ALIVE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN

CHURCH LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is www.lutheran-online.com/aliveinchristbstx.

Services are 9 a.m. Sundays with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

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Bobby Roever will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 119:153-160, Romans 7:1-13 and Matthew 10:34-24. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be Analysis Rodriguez. Our elders are Phillip Reid and Richard Knocke. We need door greeters the next two Sundays.

The flowers this week are given in honor of Alan Abel's birthday June 6, Alex Byrd's birthday June 20 and Mateo Rodriguez's birthday June 28. If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up on the flower chart. Flowers are \$50 for both vases. The general consensus is to plan on using the flowers two or three weeks.

Pastor Carroll Kohl is on KBYG every morning for a devotion sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 a.m. and 6:50 a.m. for these devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

The "Mosquito Net Project" began June 5. Our LCMS has asked for our help with the Lutheran Malaria Initiative to help our brothers and sisters in Africa sleep at night without being infected by mosquitoes. More information may be found at the website <http://www.lwr.org/malaria>.

Sunday, the adult Sunday school will continue the study "The Bible According to Andy Griffin" while the youth will continue the audio series "Adventures in Odyssey." Sunday, the youth will study "The Science Club" continuing discussions of "worldview" and how our perception of truth directly affects the way we act.

June 22, a new Bible study began. The video series, "That the World May Know," is being hosted by Pastor Kohl at 7 p.m. at the church. Snacks and goodies will be available during the study. Each lesson is 20 minutes which allows us to study and discuss each segment. Lesson 20 is: "Piercing the Darkness" - Kursi.

Sunday, the Board of Assimilation and the LWML will host the pot luck after Sunday school. Hamburgers, hot dogs and the buns will be provided. Members of the congregation are asked to sign up on the sheet provided and bring condiments, salads or desserts. After the pot luck we will have a voters' meeting to discuss the call committee's recommendation.

The Board of Assimilation will meet June 28, at 7 p.m. at the church.

The Board of Education has scheduled VBS for Saturday, July 16, from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. "Planet Zoom where Bold Believers Zip, Zap and Zoom for Jesus" will begin after 9 a.m. as soon as possible. The main focus is "Jesus Fed a Big Crowd."

The Board of Elders has scheduled the Mariachi San Paulo from El Paso to be here July 15-July 17. They will do a community wide concert Saturday, July 16. They will also be in charge of the worship

service Sunday, July 17. We will need eight families to provide places for the members of the band to stay Friday and Saturday night.

After Sunday school July 17, we will have our monthly pot luck.

Rally Day has been scheduled for Sept. 11 after the noon pot luck. Games and activities are being planned for all ages.

The Board of Evangelism has scheduled "Wall Builders" for Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at the amphitheater.

The Board of Stewardship announced in September and October we will begin the "First Fruits of Giving - Back to Basics" program. This program will cover several Sundays, a few minutes each week.

July 11, the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet July 12, Elders meet July 21 and the Board of Assimilation will meet July 26. The LWML won't meet until September.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BIG SPRING

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, met Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. at the church library and choir practice followed at 6 p.m.

Saturday everyone who is interested is asked to meet at the church ready to leave at 8 a.m. to go to Lubbock to visit Berg Studio, the stained glass workshop currently restoring the large window from our North Chapel. The tour will begin at 10 a.m., followed by lunch at the home of Music Director/Organist Mike Mitchell. Sign up on the sheet outside the church office so we may coordinate rides and lunch preparation.

Anyone having any knowledge about the history of the stained glass windows in the chapel is asked to call the church office or Nancy Koger at 432-267-7809 to share information. So far, we have been unable to discover the artist, designer or contractor of the windows. The architects of the building were Peters, Strange and Bradshaw, the same architects who designed the Municipal Auditorium.

July 17-20 is Vacation Bible School with Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Christian churches for all age groups.

Ushers for June are Susan Holstedt, Harry Middleton and Faith and Marcus Villareal. Karen Schaedel will provide refreshments for "Take Ten."

The lectionary is Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; II Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will present the anthem "The Traveler" by James Wood and as the offertory anthem "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" by Gordon Young.

If you cannot attend worship, listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. See what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. You can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

Reflections

Imagine: Take a magic carpet ride

Imagination.

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Imagination is, perhaps, our most powerful tool for good or evil.

Adolf Hitler imagined a world without Jews and launched the Holocaust. Martin Luther King, Jr. imagined a world where men would "not be judged by the color of their skin, but the content of their character." His imagination fueled the Civil Rights movement.

Forty years ago this week, John Lennon recorded his trademark song, "Imagine" in the Ascot Sound Studios at Tittenhurst Park.

It became Lennon's signature song and has remained one of the most popular songs ever recorded. In 2002 the song came in number 2 in Britain as the most popular song of all time. In 2009, Rolling Stone ranked the song number 3 among the 500 greatest songs of all time.

It owes most of its appeal to the musical talent of John Lennon, but some of its appeal is found in its lyrics: to imagine a world of peace where "all the world will be as one."

What if we used another script for imagining a different world?

What if, instead of Lennon's lyrics, we used Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount? What would that world look like?

If we followed Jesus' instructions we would treat everyone with respect. No one would be considered a fool and no one would be expendable. Adultery and lust would vanish. Marriage would prosper. Each of us would speak truthfully and no one would lie.

We would refuse to retaliate and no one would seek to get even with those who have wronged them. We would go the extra mile and, if anyone asks for our shirt, we would give him our coat. We would not only love our friends and family, we would love our enemies and seek to do good for them.

Our faith would be authentic and real without See **IMAGINE**, Page 7A



BILL
TINSLEY

Getting rid of all the clutter

Help! I'm out of excuses. I've been asked to teach a session about dealing with clutter at a ladies conference. Now, I have to get rid of my own clutter and that won't be easy. I can picture myself standing at the front of the room holding up my right hand and saying, "My name is Bonnie and I collect clutter."

As my preparation deadline draws nearer, I find myself walking around the house with a book about organization in one hand while I pick up trash and misplaced items with the other hand. I've read clichés such as "a place for everything and everything in its place." I've also read some novel ideals such as "if you get it out, put it back" and "if you don't need it, throw it away." I think I must have been old enough for an AARP card before anybody told me it was permissible to throw something away.

I'm starting to think all this organization business is not about buying plastic containers and placing labels on things. It's more about changing my habits and forcing me to do things I don't

like to do. Becoming clutter-free is somewhat like becoming caffeine-free; I'm not totally convinced that it is worth the effort. But I have made a lot of trips to the dumpster lately.

In my quest for information about removing clutter from my home, I discovered that the real issue may be removing clutter from my life. Christian author and counselor, H. Norman Wright, says that simplifying one's life is not a onetime process. It is an ongoing pattern of life.

It seems that removing clutter from our lives may mean more than eliminating no-longer-needed possessions. It may be limiting our activities, saying no to a few things, slowing our pace, and making better choices about how to spend our time.

The scripture reminds us that our days are limited. The Living Bible says, "Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should" (Psalm 90:12).

When we realize that we need to use our limited time responsibly, we have to sift through the clutter and decide what to keep and what to throw away.

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ing long repetitious public prayers, we would pray privately from our hearts. If anyone has wronged us in any way, we would forgive them without requiring them to ask for it. We would no longer be driven to accumulate possessions and money.

Instead, we would invest our resources in doing good for others who are in need. We would no longer worry. Everyone would treat everyone else the same way they desire to be treated. Each of us, every day is creating a world of our own imagination. In the end, we each must choose what we imagine and what the world around us will become.

Bill Tinsley has served as pastor and missions leader in Texas, Minnesota and Wisconsin. He lives in Rockwall, Texas. His books are available at www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Dr. Richard Booker to have book signing

The GLC Bookstore will be hosting author, Dr. Richard Booker for a book signing June 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Booker has just released his latest book "The Overcomers", the first in a series on the Book of Revelation.

Dr. Booker is founder and president of Sounds of the Trumpet, Inc., founder/director of the Institute for Hebraic-Christian Studies and a regular programmer on God's Learning Channel.

any hypocrisy. We would give to the poor in secret without even taking a tax deduction or hoping someone recognized our charity. Instead of praying

First United Methodist welcomes new pastor

A native of Odessa, Bill Ivins graduated from Permian High School in 1978 where he was a member of the band. While in high school, he was named to the all-region and all-state bands. He continued his education at Odessa College and graduated from UTPB with a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing. Bill worked both in retail sales and outside sales, where he called on accounts throughout West Texas.

Bill's home church is First United Methodist Church in Odessa, where he taught adult Sunday School and served on the evangelism committee. He was a volunteer in youth

ministry and led senior high mission trips to Mexico. He was a member of the Chancel Choir and played trumpet in the church orchestra.

At First United Methodist Church, Bill responded to the call to full-time ministry. After completing the candidacy process, he enrolled in the Divinity School of Duke University in Durham, N.C., during the fall of 1988. During seminary, he served as a student pastor in the Kenansville Charge as the youth pastor at Haymount United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, N.C. He was also ordained deacon in the New Mexico Annual Conference and graduated with honors from Duke in May 1991 with the master of divinity degree.

Upon graduation, Bill was appointed as the associate pastor to First United Methodist Church in Hobbs, N.M., where his ministry focused on evangelism and discipleship. While serving in Hobbs, he was ordained as an elder in the New Mexico Annual Conference.

In June 1995, he accepted an appointment to plant a new congregation in El Paso. Under his leadership, Cross of the Hills United Methodist Church became a contemporary multi-ethnic congregation with a ministry that reached into Ciudad Juarez and Las Cruces, N.M.

In June 1998, Bill was appointed pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Aztec, N.M. During his eight-year tenure, the congregation experienced significant growth and was honored with the Bishop's Award for Excellence in Evangelism. The staff expanded from a part-time secretary to eventually include a full-time secretary, full-time youth pastor, full-time worship pastor, full-time financial secretary and a part-time children's ministry director. He also led the congregation through a capital funds campaign to purchase new property for eventual relocation of the church facility.

While he was in Aztec, FUMC became heavily involved in supporting missions in the former Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan. It was through the congregation's sup-

port of a childhood feeding program in the village of Sergeievka, that God raised up a wor-



Bill Ivins

shipping congregation that voted two years ago to join the Southern Russia Provisional Annual Conference. In 2000 and 2005, Bill led mission teams to Kazakhstan where he pastored and provided training to church leaders. First United Methodist Church also partnered with Light of the World Church in Karaganda enabling his teams to carry the gospel into state-run orphanages.

In June 2006, Bill transferred to the Northwest Texas Annual Conference and was appointed pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Vernon. He led the congregation through a capital funds campaign in order to remodel and update the church facility for the first time since 1963.

As a member of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference, Bill has served on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, the Abilene District Committee on Ministry, the Abilene District Committee on the Superintendency and the Conference Invite Team.

Bill's passion in ministry is seeing people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. He believes that, for local congregations to reignite that passion, they must place a priority on prayer.

Bill has led various church groups on trips to the Holy Land and to England. He is also a born "tinkerer" and has been accused of breaking things just so he can fix them. Bill has the odd hobby of collecting vintage Kirby vacuum cleaners and has completely rebuilt and restored most models made since 1935. He claims that he collects and restores vintage vacuums because restoring vintage cars is too expensive.

He is also a collector of World War II memorabilia and movies, reads widely on the subject and dreams of one day being able to visit the major battle sites of the European Theater of war.

Hel is also an avid fan of Duke basketball, the Dallas Cowboys and Mojo football.

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News in brief

Capture of Boston gangster could mean more scandal for FBI, others in law enforcement

BOSTON (AP) — After 16 long years, the arrest of notorious Boston gangster James “Whitey” Bulger appeared to end a long, frustrating manhunt that had embarrassed the FBI and raised questions about its efforts to find one of its most wanted fugitives.

But Bulger’s capture could be only the beginning of a new scandal for the Boston FBI and others.

If Bulger decides to cut a deal with prosecutors, he could implicate an untold number of local, state and federal law enforcement officials, according to investigators who built a racketeering indictment against Bulger before he fled in 1995.

“If he starts to talk, there will be some unwelcome accountability on the part of a lot of people inside law enforcement,” said retired Massachusetts state police Maj. Tom Duffy. “Let me put it this way: I wouldn’t want my pension contingent on what he will say at this point.”

Bulger, the leader of the violent Winter Hill

Gang, is charged in connection with 19 murders. He was captured in Santa Monica, Calif., Wednesday, where he had lived for 15 of the last 16 years, according to his landlord.

As U.S. plans Afghanistan withdrawal, more attention will be directed at Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP) — As the U.S. looks ahead to its phased withdrawal from Afghanistan, even more attention is being directed toward Pakistan, where Obama administration officials say al-Qaida and its allies are still plotting attacks against the West.

They argue that threat has been effectively neutralized in Afghanistan, a key justification for President Barack Obama’s announcement Wednesday that the U.S. will withdraw 33,000 troops from Afghanistan by next summer. The U.S. invaded Afghanistan in 2001 because al-Qaida used it as the base to launch the 9/11 attacks.

Afghanistan could take on new significance for the U.S. as a base to launch unilateral strikes against

militants inside neighboring Pakistan, an unstable nuclear-armed country that many analysts say is more strategically important than Afghanistan.

That future has become more likely as the relationship between Pakistan and the U.S. has deteriorated following the American raid that killed al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden not far from the Pakistani capital last month. The operation humiliated Pakistan, which cut back on counterterrorism cooperation with the U.S., a popular move in a country where anti-American sentiment is rife.

One of the most high-profile attempted attacks against the U.S. homeland coming from Pakistan recently was by Faisal Shahzad, a Pakistani-American who tried to set off a car bomb in New York’s Times Square last year. He allegedly traveled to Pakistan’s tribal areas and coordinated his attack with the Pakistani Taliban.

Since Pakistan effectively prohibits American troops inside the country and has been a reluctant ally in targeting militants the U.S. deems a threat, Washington has increasingly relied on covert CIA drone missile strikes to target al-Qaida and Taliban fighters holed up in Pakistan’s mountainous border region with Afghanistan.

A name change for al-Qaida?

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Osama bin Laden watched his terrorist organization get picked apart, he lamented in his final writings that al-Qaida was suffering from a marketing problem. His group was killing too many Muslims and that was bad for business. The West was winning the public relations fight.

Faced with these challenges, bin Laden, who hated the United States and decried capitalism, considered a most American of business strategies.

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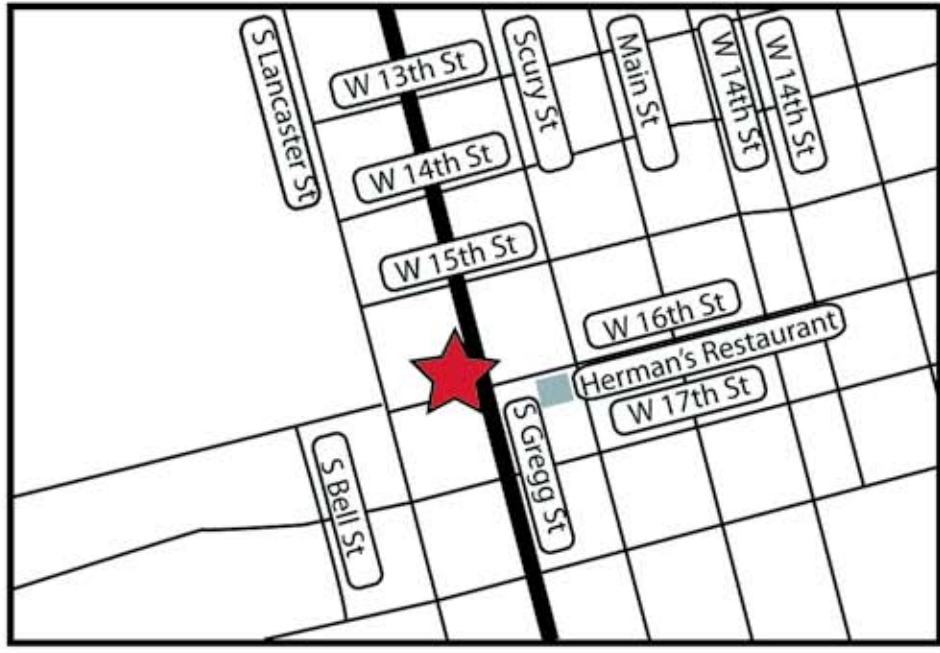
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Best of the Rest Golf Tournament June 25-26

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The tournament is open to the first 80 teams that register and entrants will be pre-flighted. There will be food on the course each day.

Entry fee is \$200 per team.

For more information, call the pro shop at 432-264-2366.

Howard County A&M Club Westexags Shootout July 16

A golf tournament with a four-man Sherrill scramble format will be held July 16 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The start time will be 8 a.m. The cost is \$75 per person (carts not included). Respond by July 1 to westexags@hotmail.com or by calling 432-263-7969.

Coahoma Girls' Softball All-Stars Annual Rag Ball Tournament June 24-26

The Coahoma Girls' Softball All-Stars are hosting their annual Rag Ball Tournament. The event will be held June 24-26.

Vendors are needed for the event.

For information, call Billy Newton at 325-207-2640 or Amy Overton at 432-816-1968.

Summer Rag Ball League Sign-ups through June 27

The 2011 Summer Rag Ball League is taking sign-ups through June 27. The games will be played Mondays and - if needed - Tuesdays. The season will last eight weeks and will feature a tournament at the end. Prizes will be given during the season.

For more information, call 432-816-0050.

Volleyball Camp July 25-28

BSISD's volleyball camp will be held July 25-28, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The camp is open to students in grades 3-8 for a fee of \$25. T-shirts can also be purchased for \$10. Call 432-264-3662 for information.

Football Skills Lineman Camp July 16

Coach Tony Johnson, former TCU line coach, will be hosting a one-day camp for linemen in Big Spring July 16. The camp, which will run from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., will cost \$55 per player and is open to players 9-18 years-old.

For more information, contact Coach Johnson at 913-620-0167.

BSHS Cheerleader Ragball Tournament July 8-9

Big Spring High School Cheerleaders will be having their ragball tournament at Roy D. Anderson Complex July 8 from 6 p.m. until midnight and July 9 from 8 a.m. until the last game is played.

To register contact Kelli Wash at 213-3206, Brandi Borchardt at 816-2334 or Val Robertson at 213-8315.

Registration deadline will be July 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the complex. Fees are \$10 per person. Remember to get your receipt.

A full concession will be open.

Roy Green returns to Big Spring for the kids

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

The third annual Harold Davis West Texas Shootout has descended upon Big Spring, with basketball teams from central and west Texas clashing at gymnasiums at Big Spring High School, Howard College and Big Spring Middle School Saturday and Sunday.

Skill camps, motivational speakers and tournament action highlight the event that brings parents, coaches and kids together for a common goal: the

kids.

Coach Roy Green, a former Big Spring High School and Howard College student athlete, led a stirring demonstration with some of the kids he brought with him from Austin for the tournament. He said he created the camps because he cared about kids in today's world and he came to Big Spring because he cares about this town, his hometown.

"I love this town, these kids," Coach Green said. "I brought my daughter

here to show her where I grew up and to remind myself where I came from."

Aside from fundamental basketball skills, which Green says are very important, the coaches are teaching even more to the kids, not to mention their parents. Green talked about what kids in Texas needed more than anything.

"They need confidence," he said. "The kids need to be shown how far they can go and then be allowed to do it. We have to stop

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HERALD photo/Robert Griffin

Coach Tony Holmes teaches kids the proper way to shoot a basketball as part of the skills camp at BSHS.

Mavericks trade picks for Portland's Fernandez

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are already gearing up to defend their title, trading both their draft picks Thursday night to get Portland Trail Blazers guard Rudy Fernandez.

Team officials couldn't comment specifically about the deal because they were waiting for the league to make it official. A news conference was expected Friday.

Fernandez couldn't wait. He tweeted: "thanks all blazers fans for ur support this 3 years!! So happy to be in the best team in the nba!!!dallas!!!"

Fernandez has spent his three NBA seasons in Portland. Only 26, he's also been a standout in in-

ternational play. He could step in as Dallas' starting shooting guard or become another piece in a deep, versatile rotation.

"We're in a playoff-championship push mode," said Donnie Nelson, the Mavericks' president of basketball operations. "We think the player we acquired is going to help us more than the pick would."

Dallas took Texas' Jordan Hamilton with the 26th pick, then announced that he was taken for another team. With the 57th pick, the Mavs took forward Tanguy Ngombo of Qatar, also for someone else.

Fernandez has been a backup most of his NBA career. He's averaged 9.1

points over 24.1 minutes in 218 games.

Nelson met with reporters following the announced selection of Hamilton. Unable to give specifics, he explained the motivation behind the deal.

"We thought the opportunity was really, really good for us," Nelson said. "The balance is a player that's a young one vs. one that's been in the league a few years and can help us right away."

Nelson referred to the acquisition as a potential starter. He added that this was a deal that had been discussed for a while and became more realistic in

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Courtesy photo
The Howard County Titans traveling baseball team prepare for another tournament.

Front row from left are: Seth Brooks, Dillan Guzman, Chris Martinez Jr., Kelby Olivarez and Caden Hernandez. Middle row from left are: Charles Gonzales, Austin Knight, A.J. Sarmiento, James Alexander, Teo Banks and Kobe Cervantes.

The coaches are from left: Chris Martinez, Freddy Olivarez and Manuel Cervantes. Not pictured are Ky Kemper, Isaiah Soliz and Kyler Seymore.



Howard County Titans put on a show in Lubbock

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

In recent action, the Howard County Titans, an 8-up traveling baseball team, placed second place in a Lubbock tournament.

According to their coaches, the team is growing daily as a team and are reaching their potential at an incredible rate.

"We can only hope they continue to grow as a team," Coach Chris Martinez said. "They have a big heart for the game and really enjoy playing together."

The team, comprised of area youngsters, will be playing again in Mansfield July 9. For those wishing to follow the team, they are on Facebook under the name Howard County Titans.

The team, coached by Chris Martinez, Freddy Olivarez and Manuel Cervantes, will be holding open tryouts soon for a continued growth as a team.

Anyone interested can call 816-0050 or 432-935-0358 for more information about the team, upcoming events and tryout dates and times.

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putting fences around them.”

The lectures and skills camps will be finished by Friday evening and the kids will have the opportunity to compete in a tournament that consists of 28 teams. The teams range from sixth graders to high school seniors.

Big Spring High School's varsity girls team will be competing in the tournament against traveling all-star teams from Austin, Midland and as far away as San Antonio. The Lady Steers will play their first game at 8 a.m. Saturday in the high school gymnasium against one of Green's traveling all-star teams.

One of Green's former teammates at BSHS is the current girls basketball coach at BSHS,

Mike Warren. Coach Warren expressed great appreciation for Green and his team of coaches.

“I really appreciate him coming back here to help the kids and to honor Harold Davis with this event,” Coach Warren said.

“It means a lot to the town and to the school when one of our own comes back and does something like this.”

The five all-star teams Coach Green brought with him from the Austin area are part of Dream Teams Girls Basketball.

Dream Teams is a Community Based Organization (CBO) in Austin.

The girls must maintain an 85 average in their school work in order to play on the teams, as well as being top basketball players.

The non-profit group focuses on four problem areas facing Texas

girls as part of their program. Teenage pregnancy, illiteracy, homelessness and dropping out of school are problems Green, who has a degree in psychology, says these problems plague today's female student athletes.

“Texas has one of the highest teenage pregnancy rates in the nation,” he said. “We have to set better examples, be better mentors for these kids.”

After graduating from Big Spring High School in 1977, Green played basketball for two years at Howard College before going on to Wayland Baptist University to get his degree.

For the tournament in Big Spring, Green and his organization have chosen to raise awareness for breast cancer.

All basketballs used at the four-day event will be pink.

NBA players refuse to take easy way out

NEW YORK (AP) — With NBA stars from veteran Kevin Garnett to Rookie of the Year Blake Griffin standing behind him, union president Derek Fisher said Thursday that players won't accept a bad deal to avert a work stoppage.

“We'd love to avoid a lockout, but we're unified in the sense of not being afraid if that's what we're faced with,” the Lakers guard said.

Player representatives from each team were in town for their summer meeting and were updated on the state of negotiations with owners. The collective bargaining agreement expires June 30, and the sides remain far apart headed into another session Friday.

Garnett and Paul Pierce from the Celtics, the Clippers' Griffin, the Hornets' Chris Paul and Jason Terry of the NBA champion Dallas Mavericks were among the 60 players who joined Fisher at the front of the news conference. Garnett said owners want “control.”

“It's unfortunate, to be honest, because we have great momentum right now,” said Garnett, whose massive contract in Minnesota was a catalyst for the changes owners sought that led

to the 1998 lockout.

“I think the league is, as far as anticipation and the leading stories and the careers that you can follow, you know Dirk (Nowitzki) finally winning, I mean there's multiple stories that are intriguing right now and it's just unfortunate that we're all going through this right now to sort of slow that down.”

The sides swapped proposals Tuesday, but that brought them no closer.

“A lockout is something that we are trying to avoid by making multiple offers that treat our players fairly,” league spokesman Michael Bass said in an email to The Associated Press. “We are dismayed by the union's unfortunate rhetoric.”

The league proposed what it called a “flex” salary cap, in which teams would be targeted to spend \$62 million but could exceed that through the use of various exceptions. But there's an eventual ceiling at an unspecified amount, so players still consider it a hard cap.

It's similar to the NHL's salary cap system, which was instituted after a work stoppage in 2004-05 and which NBPA executive director Billy Hunter called “the worst deal in all of

professional sports.”

Hunter said NHL owners could only win such an agreement after breaking their players' union, and contends NBA owners intend to lock out their players with similar hopes.

“Now they haven't been able to impose that deal on us yet, but what they're proposing even makes the NHL's deal look good,” Hunter said. “In order to get that, it's my belief that you have to do the same kind of damage, impose the same kind of damage on us. You have to break the spirit and will and resolve of the NBA players in order to achieve what they want.”

Players say that won't happen, with Garnett believing the unity is stronger than in '98.

The players say their proposal called for them to give back \$500 million in salary over five years by reducing their share of guaranteed revenues from 57 percent to 54.3 percent, an offer that Commissioner David Stern called “modest.”

“To call our moves modest is just not accurate,” Fisher said.

Though the league has projected \$300 million in losses this season and says 22 of its 30 teams will lose money, players point to record TV ratings.



HERALD photo/Robert Griffin

Members of Dream Team 2016, a traveling all-star basketball team from Austin, pose with Big Spring youngsters at the basketball skills camp put on by BSHS alumni Roy Green.

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the last few days.

“This was our ‘A’ scenario,” he said.

Shooting guard was an erratic spot for Dallas this past season.

DeShawn Stevenson drew most of the starts in the regular season, then gave way to Rodrigue Beaubois, whom the team was expecting to have a breakout year. But he had trouble recovering from a broken foot and missed time, and Stevenson regained the job in the finale. He started every postseason game until Game 4 of the NBA finals, when backup point guard J.J. Barea took over.

Baubois will be back next season and may get another chance to start. Fernandez could push him for the job or be part of Dallas' bench. Jason Terry already is their primary shooting guard.

This past season, Fernandez averaged 8.6 points in the regular season but scored only 2.8 per game in a first-round series against the Mavericks. He made only 4 of 18 shots.

Rockets look for size in draft, trades

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets hired a Hall of Fame power forward to coach the team, then added more big men to play for him during Thursday night's NBA draft.

Houston drafted Kansas star Marcus Morris and Florida standout Chandler Parsons, and added 7-foot Lithuanian Donatas Motiejunas in a deal with Minnesota that also brought point guard Jonny Flynn to the Rockets. Houston dealt backup center Brad Miller to Minnesota.

It was fitting that Houston would swing a deal with the Timberwolves after hiring Kevin McHale to replace Rick Adelman. McHale was the former

vice president of basketball operations in Minnesota and also had two stints as the team's coach.

“Kevin just wanted people taller than him,” general manager Daryl Morey joked.

But the Rockets did seem to be looking for size with Yao Ming's status in doubt. The top overall pick in 2002, the 7-foot-6 Yao is an unrestricted free agent and has been plagued with foot and leg injuries in recent years. He's played in only five games in the past two seasons.

Morey said the Rockets will wait to see how Yao recovers from a stress fracture in his left ankle before the franchise makes any decisions about

his future. And Morey said Yao's situation had little bearing on the team's moves.

“We went with who we thought was the best guy there each time,” Morey said. “We're a team trying to re-establish our foundation. We don't feel like we can look at our roster and pick a player for a certain place. We just thought those were the best players we could get at that time.”

The 6-foot-9 Morris was drafted immediately after his twin older brother, Markieff, was taken by Phoenix at No. 13. Marcus Morris was named the Big 12 player of the year after averaging 17.2 points

and 7.6 rebounds in 38 games for the Jayhawks in the 2010-11 season.

“I bring a lot of toughness to the game, a lot of energy,” Morris said. “I feel that my presence is felt wherever I play. I'm a scorer and I can defend a lot of positions.”

The Timberwolves selected the 7-foot Motiejunas with the 20th pick, setting the trade in motion.

Motiejunas is playing his second season with the Italian club

Benetton Treviso, and has averaged 13.1 points, 4.4 rebounds and two steals in 30 regular-season games.

Morey said he and McHale were impressed by Motiejunas' low-post skills.

“He's been a top player in Europe, really high upside, really mobile,” Morey said. “He has a perimeter offensive game as well, and he can really move his feet on the defensive end.”

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Two Double-Dummy Problems

These are double-dummy problems, which means you're allowed to look at all four hands while trying to find the solution.

1. You are declarer with the South hand at Six Clubs, and West leads the king of spades. How would you play the hand?

NORTH
♠ 10 9 8 7 5 4 3
♥ A
♦ A K
♣ Q 3 2

WEST
♠ K Q J 2
♥ 8 7 6 5
♦ Q 6 5 4 3
♣ —

EAST
♠ A 6
♥ J 10 9 4 3 2
♦ 2
♣ 7 6 5 4

SOUTH
♥ K Q
♦ J 10 9 8 7
♠ A K J 10 9 8

2. You are on lead with the South hand. Diamonds are trump, and you must win all six tricks. (This is not an easy problem to solve.)

NORTH
♠ A 8
♥ —
♦ J 10
♣ J 2

WEST
♠ K J
♥ A 9
♦ —
♣ Q 4

EAST
♠ Q
♥ K 10
♦ —
♣ 10 8 3

SOUTH
♠ 4
♥ Q J
♦ —
♣ A K 9

2. Cash the ace of clubs, playing the jack from dummy as a preparatory move for a possible finesse later on. Next, ruff the queen of hearts in dummy and lead the jack of diamonds.

East can do no better than discard the queen of spades as you also discard a spade. West, who cannot spare a spade or a club, is forced to discard the ace of hearts.

When you next cash the ace of spades, East is squeezed and must either allow you to score the jack of hearts or the nine of clubs.

Tomorrow: An extraordinary safety play.

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Rangers manage to hold a lead in West

ARLINGTON (AP) - Nearly halfway through the season after their first World Series, the Texas Rangers have six wins fewer than the same point a year ago. Texas has played under .500 since an incredible 9-1 start and already has as many interleague losses this season despite having played only half its schedule against National League teams.

Yet, the Rangers (40-36) are still leading the AL West mainly because they are the only team in the division without a losing record overall.

"It's amazing that we still in first place," reigning AL MVP Josh Hamilton said. "We need to kind of feel a sense of urgency here to get this thing going and really do what we're capable of doing. Hopefully, it comes sooner than later."

Last season, an 11-game winning streak in June and a 14-4 interleague record put the Rangers in control of the division on the way to their first American League pennant.

This time, the Rangers are pattering along still trying to build some momentum.

They could benefit from their current stretch playing 16 of 19 games at home before the All-Star break. They spent an off day Thursday with a 2 1/2-game division lead over Seattle (37-38).

Manager Ron Washington often repeated his now well-known phrase "That the way baseball go" during the franchise first championship season. While that still applies, Wash-

ington is not interested in comparing this season to last.

"This is the way 2011 is going," Washington said. "If it means we got to go to the wire like this, we go to the wire like this. The bottom line, at the end, if we in first place, we in first place. I would like to be six games up. ... You can look back, and you can always say what caused it, and that caused it, but that what it is."

The Rangers played six weeks without Hamilton after he broke a bone in his upper right arm trying to score with a headfirst slide April 12 at Detroit. Nelson Cruz, another slugging outfielder, missed 17 games during the same time because of a strained quadriceps muscle.

Texas already has 60 errors, matching Houston for the most in the majors.

Neftali Feliz has four blown saves, matching his total the previous two seasons, after giving up four runs in the ninth inning of a 5-3 loss Wednesday night to the Astros, who have the majors worst record. It was the Rangers AL-high 13th blown save and their 14th loss when the opening team scored in its final at-bat.

The first half of the Lone Star Series, when Texas won the first two games before the flop by Feliz, started that 19-game stretch when the Rangers only three road games are at Houston next week. That is after another day off Monday.

"We like to generate a little bit of momentum

with our style of play. Find a way to be consistent offensively, on the mound and defensively," Michael Young said.

"Whenever you at home, it a good opportunity to work on those things."

Through 76 games last season, the Rangers had won 46 and had a 3 1/2-game division lead and were only a half-game behind the New York Yankees for the best record in baseball.

They were coming off their 11-game winning streak all against NL teams that had started with them only a half-game up in the division.

That margin was never closer than 3 1/2 after that before winning the AL West by nine games.

After losing two of three games last month at Philadelphia, including a loss to their 2010 second-half ace Cliff Lee, the Rangers took two of three against Atlanta and the Astros.

Their trip to Houston is sandwiched by three-game sets at home against the New York Mets and Florida, the NL East bottom two teams.

"In years past, I can remember being extremely excited being in first place going into the All-Star break," Ian Kinsler said.

"That not the case anymore. We understand there a long way to go. ... The key is to stay in first place as long as possible."

With the struggles by the rest of the AL West teams, the Rangers have remained on top of the division since May 16.

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The Rockets used the 23rd overall pick on Nikola Mirotic, a forward from Montenegro. Mirotic is in his first season with Real Madrid.

Houston initially sent the 38th overall pick to Minnesota, then bought it back to take the 6-9 Parsons, another forward.

Morey hopes that Parsons blossoms like Chase Budinger, a second-round pick in 2009. Budinger averaged 9.8 points and 3.6 rebounds in 78 games last season.

"He (Chase) proved that he was better than other players on our team, other draft picks we took that year," Morey said. "Chandler is another guy we got for

a very good price, and someone who can potentially win minutes over time."

The Rockets were glad to find a taker for Miller, who is due to make almost \$10 million over the next two seasons. But the additions of Morris, Motiejunas and Parsons crowd the roster at the forward position, leaving McHale and Morey to make some decisions before the season begins.

Chuck Hayes, also a free agent, has played in 156 of 164 games over the past two seasons and Luis Scola has been a regular starter for the bulk of the last four years.

Houston also drafted Patrick Patterson with the 14th pick last season, and picked up Jordan Hill in a trade with New York in February

2010. "We've challenged the roster a little bit, in terms of the total number of guys and the different positions," Morey said.

"But we'd rather have the problem of too much talent, too many good players, than too little and we're just happy everything is balanced."

Morris shot 57 percent from the field and topping 20 points in 12 games for Kansas last season.

Parsons averaged 11.3 points and 7.8 rebounds in 36 games for Florida.

The 235-pound Morris says he's open to slimming down and moving to a small forward spot, if that's what the Rockets need from him.

"I think I can just get in there and fit wherever they want me to play," Morris said.

Federer reaches third round at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON (AP) — After winning six titles at the All England Club, Roger Federer experienced a new feeling on Centre Court.

The 16-time Grand Slam champion was forced indoors on another rainy day at Wimbledon, and he emerged victorious as usual, beating Adrian Panatta of France 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 Thursday to reach the third round.

"I think it was nice," Federer said of playing under the roof. "Honestly, from start to finish it felt the same, even though outside it was getting darker from the light perspective. And then from the movement, it felt like it was outdoors."

The retractable roof, which was installed before the 2009 tournament, has been rarely used until this week. But it's already been shut for at least parts of three of the four days this year.

Fifth-seeded Robin Soderling also won on Centre Court, surviving a five-setter against 2002 Wimbledon champion Lleyton Hewitt, while French Open champion

Li Na was eliminated by German wild card Sabine Lisicki. On other courts, four-time champion Serena Williams and Novak Djokovic advanced.

On Friday, defending champion Rafael Nadal is scheduled to play on Court 1 along with five-time titlist Venus Williams and Maria Sharapova. On Centre Court, Andy Murray is to face Ivan Ljubicic in the late match.

Federer ended up playing his match a little later than expected because the two earlier matches both went the distance. And with his parents watching from the Royal Box, Federer finished off Mannarino with a high-flying overhead smash.

Only minutes after he walked off grass, Federer was already praising the conditions and the crowd.

"The atmosphere was fantastic because they already saw some heavy matches beforehand so I didn't know how much stamina they had, but once again they showed what great fans they are, that's why I love playing here," Federer said. "It's obviously very nice for me to have such a standing ovation every time."

Up next for Federer will be a familiar opponent, 2002 runner-up David Nalbandian. The pair first met in the final of the junior tournament at the U.S. Open in 1998, with the Argentine winning in straight sets.

"We've come a long way from playing the first time," Federer said.

Nalbandian won the first five matches between the two as professionals, but Federer leads the head-to-head series 10-8.

New York fights UFC bill

ALBANY (AP) — A bill to legalize mixed martial arts in New York is in trouble again with the state Assembly wrapping up its session with no plans to approve it.

Assemblyman Steven Englebright of Suffolk County, one of the bill's sponsors, says legislators still have strong

feelings on both sides and unless something extraordinary happens it won't pass this year. The bill cleared two Assembly committees earlier this month.

Backers say New York could regulate the sport like 45 other states do to protect fighters, while Madison Square Garden and other venues

could draw big crowds.

Opponents say damage to fighters appears underreported and it's a bad example for children.

The Senate approved the bill in May as new UFC light heavyweight champion Jon Jones, an upstate New York native, visited the chamber.

Cowboy lawyer kills gator

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones isn't known for humility. Now his attorney has his own boasting point.

Dallas lawyer Levi McCathern says he hankered after some monster alligator for live game hunting.

On the stagnant waters of the Trinity River

about two hours downstream from Dallas in Leon County, he and a guide found a 14-foot-long, 880-pound bull gator sunning himself on the river bank.

McCathern says he killed it with a shot to its tiny reptilian brain.

Then the hard work began.

Fishing guide Steve

Barclay says it took two hours to raise the gator from the river bottom with a two-ton winch.

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Garage Sales

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll meet someone who can help you advance your interests. You laugh and have fun talking to this person. Is there enough common ground to build something meaningful? You'll find out next week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will heighten your awareness through instruction, especially if you're the teacher. As you show someone how to accomplish a task, you will see how it could be done better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Neophobia, the fear of change or anything new, is not something from which you would normally suffer. Still, you like to have a general sense of where things are going. Encourage loved ones to keep you abreast of breaking news.

CANCER (June 22-

Tomorrow's Horoscope

July 22). You care what your friends, colleagues and the community at large think of you. You will knock yourself out to please them. Your selflessness will be strongly felt, and your approval rating will soar.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It will be challenging to stay tuned in as someone else tells you what to do. You're just not in the mood for following directions. You'd much rather have the satisfaction of figuring it out for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A spirit of adventure will lead you to spend time with people whose backgrounds and preferences are different from yours. Peel off the labels, and you'll find that you're all the same underneath.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Avoid the fantasy that once a certain problem is solved, you'll coast on easy street for a while. There will always be new obstacles, and that's what makes this journey so fun. Persist and persevere.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It will be lucky for you to make a request of a friend. Do this as far in advance of the event as you possibly can. Give the other person plenty of time to warm up to the idea of what he or she will be doing for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Two options will be presented to you, one right after the other. This makes the

compare-and-contrast element of your decision making quite easy, and by the end of the day, the answer will be clear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you know you don't know but you act anyway, the result can be quite hilarious. Just be sure not to make these kinds of snap decisions about anything that could put your safety in question.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't worry about the mistakes you'll make. A joyful life is filled with mistakes. There is no thrill in living without risk. You'll mess up, which is what makes getting it right so wonderful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are open to opportunities to work with those with different strengths and talents. Volunteer to help in any way necessary -- it will change your life for the better. Together, you will accomplish a shared vision.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 24). Worldly success means nothing to you unless you have personal success with the people you love. You'll enjoy the attention of admirers in July. You'll move on from outworn duties in August and take on new responsibilities. September shows increased social power. A dietary change ushers in excellent health. Pisces and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 31, 6, 34 and 42.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** You don't feel like you need another person to survive happily, and that lack of desperation is what makes the other person crazy about you. **TAURUS:** As much as you like being with another person, you also enjoy having your own time, building yourself as a separate and independent person. **GEMINI:** You support a partner's choice, and this person feels validated and respected by you. **CANCER:** How well your friends succeed with their

romantic counterparts is a measure of their performance, not yours. Focus on you. **LEO:** The quickest way to stop an argument is to get into agreement. Lose your defenses and give in. **VIRGO:** Your voice is smooth and soothing -- a powerful tool for building the kind of relationship you want. **LIBRA:** You are no one's "property," and yet there is someone who feels territorial when it comes to you. **SCORPIO:** There's no reason to listen to an inner voice that has less than flattering things to say to you. **SAGITTARIUS:** Being too busy to date will make you even more desirable to romantic hopefuls. **CAPRICORN:** Someone is intrigued by and attracted to your cheery voice and the air of happiness about you. **AQUARIUS:** Be secretive about your life. Not everyone has to know what you do with your time. **PISCES:** You notice someone's issues, quirks and flaws, and you still find this person adorable.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: With the moon in Aries and the sun in Cancer, these signs feel a strong attraction for each other. When they lock eyes, it's as though they share for a brief moment the same mind. There is definite chemistry there, but the practical details of domestic life have to be worked out sooner or later. Aries and Cancer have vastly different styles, but with mutual respect they can learn to give as one.

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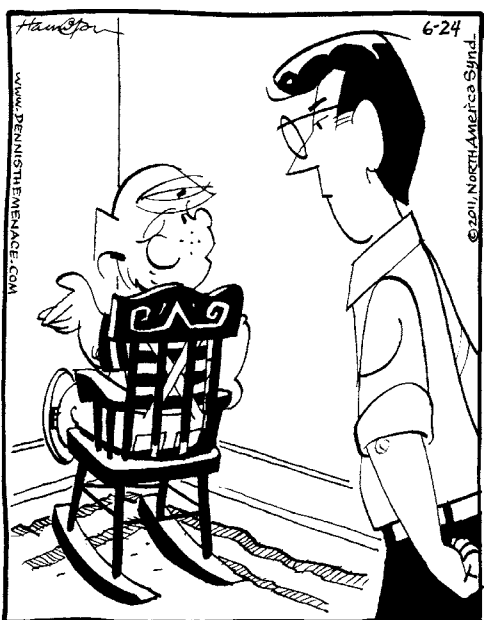
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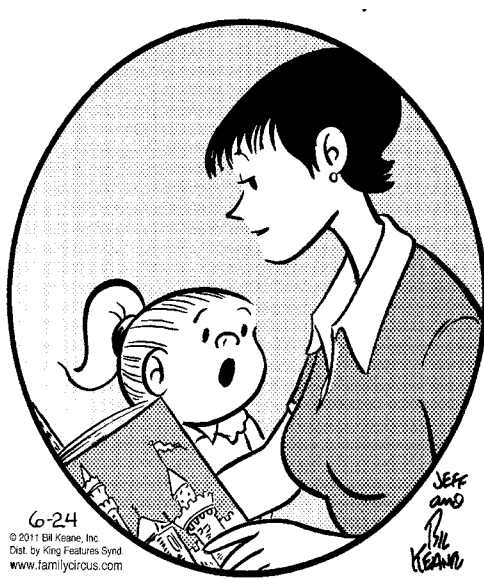
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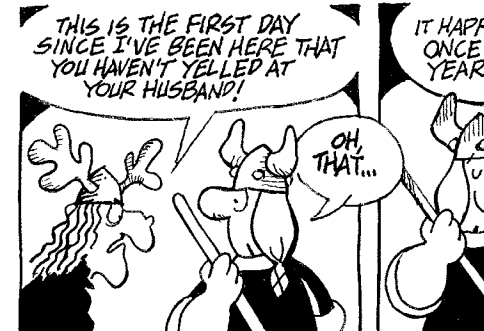
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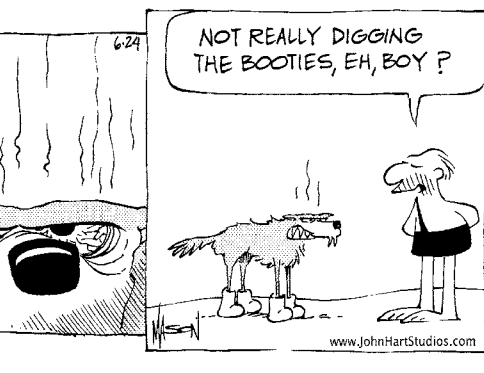
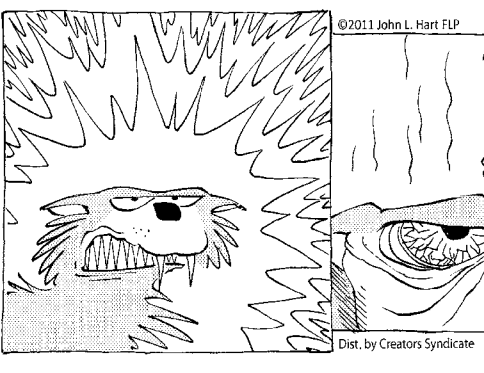
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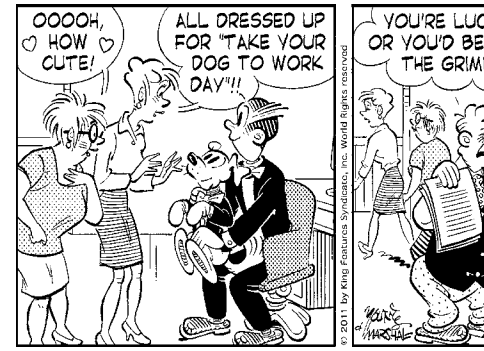
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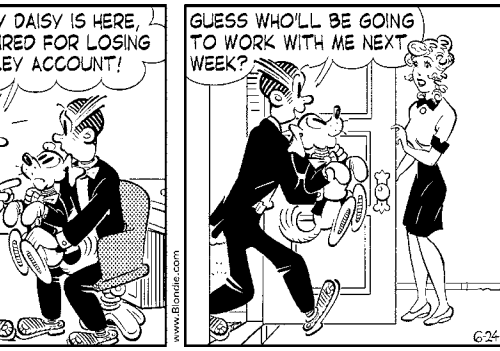
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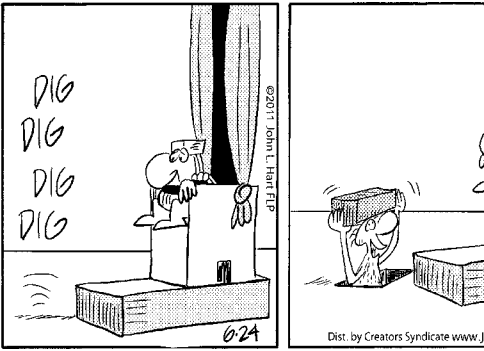
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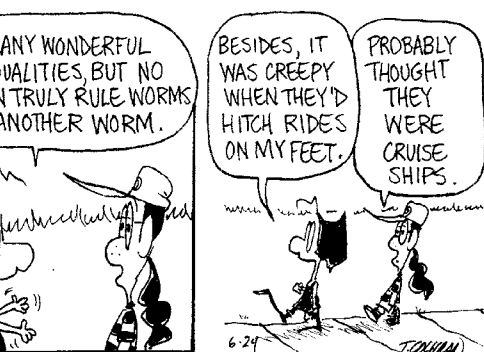
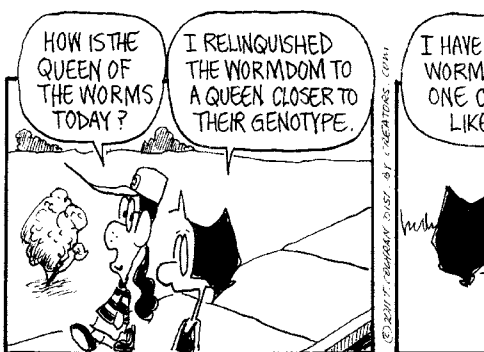
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Today is Friday, June 24, the 175th day of 2011. There are 190 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 24, 1314, the forces of Scotland's King Robert I defeated the English in the Battle of Bannockburn.

In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II. In 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the Berlin Airlift.

Arthur Brown is 67. Rock singer Colin Blunstone (The Zombies) is 66. Musician Mick Fleetwood is 64. Actor Peter Weller is 64.

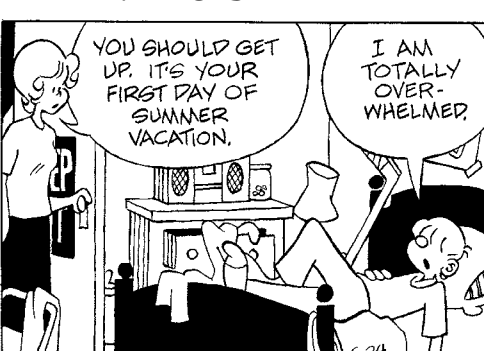
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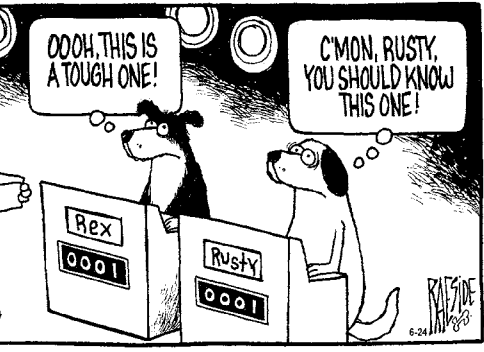
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